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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finsterwalde airfield

September. One high-wing monoplane, 1 biplane, and 21 Il-10s were parked at the field. Between 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., there was air activity by Il-10s which took off at intervals of 10 to 15 seconds and, immediately after the take-off, assembled in formation making a left bank. Formation flying was practiced for 30 to 40 minutes.

September and September. October. On all days, there was the same formation flying as on 24 September.

October. No air activity or aircraft were observed at the field.

October. In the afternoon, 18 to 20 Il-10s, 2 biplanes and 1 high-wing monoplane were parked east of the easternmost hangar. Shortly after 1:15 p.m., five Il-10s taxied to the take-off point and took off at short intervals. Immediately after the take-off, the aircraft assembled in wedge formation and remained aloft for about 40 minutes. Formation flying was repeatedly observed in the afternoon.

October. Every afternoon, ground attack aircraft practiced formation flying. a particularly strong guard was being maintained over the field.

October. No air activity or other activity was observed at the field. during this period that no aircraft were parked at the landing field. 2

2. From 10 to 15 soldiers were working on the northern section of the field along the eastern third of the fence, where individual sand hills and unloaded beams were observed.

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3. The previously observed PKV-45 station with a tent in the middle and a radio truck with a mast, about 10 meters high, was still located close to the road fork at the southern exit of Nakesdorf. Another radio installation was observed east of the field. A radio truck and next to it a mast, about 5 meters high, were observed about 100 meters southeast of individual buildings which were about 300 meters south of the Schacksdorf brickyard, west of a field path which runs east of the brickyard in a southerly direction. 3

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5. At about 2 p.m. [ ] September, 9 IL-10s took off and practiced flying in formation. Around 11 a.m. on [ ] October, 27 ground attack aircraft flying in a group column of squadron V's crossed over Finsterwalde and simultaneously three additional IL-10s were observed aloft. The aircraft landed at the field within a few minutes. 1

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6. [ ] the building on Forst Strasse, Finsterwalde, was still fully occupied [ ] A sentry wearing black bordered blue epaulets and armed with a submachine gun was posted at the guardhouse. [ ]

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1. [ ] Comment. Finsterwalde airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which is believed to be equipped with about 40 IL-10s. The red propeller hubs are reported for the first time. Previously, yellow and blue propeller hubs were mentioned.

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2. [ ] Comment. The ground attack regiment from Finsterwalde, together with the ground attack regiments from Alt Loennewitz and Brandis of the same division, probably participated in maneuvers held by the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia.

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3.   Comment. The reported location of the PKV-45 DF station is correct. Radio trucks have also been reported from various other military posts.

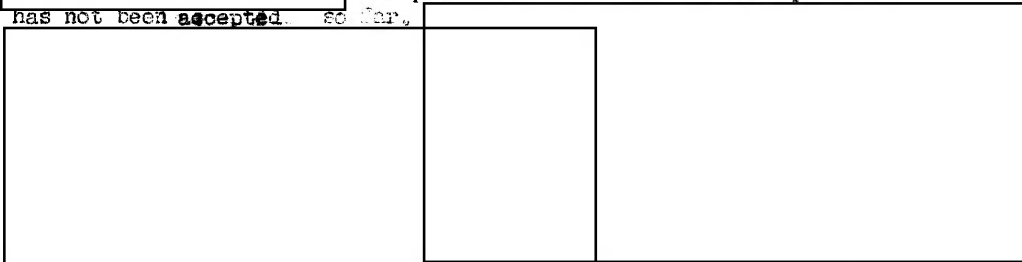
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4.   Comment. The quartering building on Forst Strasse formerly housed the bomber corps headquarters. See town map of Finsterwalde.   25X1  
  The possible transfer of the headquarters has not been accepted so far.

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